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## RADIOLOGICAL SURVEY REPORT

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# REMEDIATION ACTIVITIES

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### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Remediation of the East Cove area of PSC 17/18 at NAS-JAX was completed in two phases. The first phase (Phase I) was completed in January 1996, with post remediation survey results documented in March 1996 (Ref. 2). The excavations performed in this first phase were restricted in the direction of the river by the wetlands designated along the shoreline. However, the initial characterization (Ref. 1) indicated that levels of elevated activity above the unrestricted release criteria extended to the waterline of the river. After obtaining proper authorization, the second phase (Phase II) was conducted to remove any remaining activity above the unrestricted release criteria. This phase was completed in July 1996 and the post remediation survey results documented in Addendum I to the March 1996 Survey Report (Ref. 3).

These two survey reports (Ref. 2 and 3) were reviewed by RASO with verbal comments provided, followed by written comments (Ref. 4). Bechtel responded to the verbal comments (Ref. 5) and made corresponding changes/corrections to the appropriate survey reports. One additional request by RASO required additional measurements. This comment from Reference 4 stated: "After backfilling, perform a radiation survey to demonstrate radiation exposure levels of remediated areas." These radiation measurements were completed in November 1996.

In February 1997, Bechtel issued a written response to the written comments from RASO (Ref. 6). In this response, it was noted that the radiation measurements had been completed and a final transmittal of those results would be issued. This report is to document those results and is Addendum 2 to the Phase I remediation survey report (Ref. 2).

#### 2.0 RADIOLOGICAL SURVEY RESULTS

Based on the radiological measurements of the excavated areas at completion of remediation (Ref. 2 and 3), RASO concurred with backfilling these areas. Bechtel restored the area to the original contours and seeded the area. In November 1996, the regrowth was cut to allow clear access; the original grid system was re-established, and the Phase II areas resurveyed. Radiological dose rate measurements were made using a pressurized ion chamber (PIC) at locations referenced to the grid. Table 2-1 provides the results of that survey. The post-remediation and restoration survey results are shown on Figure 2-1, with the PIC measurements that were obtained during characterization for comparison. The field logs for these measurements are provided in the attachment to this addendum.

As indicated on Figure 2-1, no post-remediation dose rate measurements were obtained at the same grid locations as the pre-remediation measurements; however, the dose rates over the backfilled excavated areas are within the NAS-JAX site background variation. These dose rate measurements support the results of the Phase I and Phase II post-remediation radiological survey data. One slightly elevated location is noted at grid location D/E-42. This point is located directly over the concrete water line that was contaminated with Ra-226 above the release criteria. The unshielded dose rate at this location was estimated to be  $68 \mu R/hr$  on contact with the concrete pipe. The backfill has reduced this to  $9.1 \mu R/hr$ , approximately  $1.4 \mu R/hr$  above the surrounding area. This is equivalent to approximately  $12 \mu R/hr$ , above the surrounding background, which would satisfy current proposed regulatory criteria for unrestricted release of  $15 \mu R/hr$ .

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#### 3.0 CONCLUSIONS

The dose rate measurements over the backfilled excavations in the East Cove area of PSC 17/18 confirm that the remediation and subsequent restoration may be released for unrestricted use by the Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida.

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# **ATTACHMENT**

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